

Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:15 a.m. EST (NOAA)

Agricultural Weather Highlights - Monday - June 4, 2001

- *In the West*, cooler weather is easing stress on dryland summer crops and reducing irrigation and electrical demands.
- *On the Plains*, hot weather is stressing filling winter wheat and emerging summer crops from *Oklahoma southward into Texas*, where today's high temperatures are forecast to range from 90 to 105 degrees F. Meanwhile, much-needed rain is benefiting pastures and small grains on the drought-affected *northern High Plains*.
- *In the Corn Belt*, showers and thunderstorms are returning to *southern and western portions of the region*, aiding crop development but slowing soybean and final corn planting.
- *In the South*, high temperatures (today's highs are forecast to range from 90 to 95 degrees F) are bringing renewed stress to pastures and unirrigated summer crops in the *southern Atlantic region*, following recent beneficial showers. Elsewhere in the region, temperatures and soil moisture levels generally favor summer crop development.

<u>Outlook</u>: Cool, showery weather is forecast to continue through mid-week in the *northern Plains and Corn Belt*. Meanwhile, beneficial rainfall is expected to return to the *Southeast*. Hot, mostly dry conditions are forecast to prevail across the *southern Plains and Southwest*. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for June 9-13 calls for cool, mostly dry weather across the *eastern one-third of the U.S.* In contrast, wet conditions are expected from the *Pacific Northwest to the northern Plains*. Above-normal temperatures are forecast across most of the *Southwest, Plains, and western Corn Belt*.

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